

the creation or alteration of their boundaries".

I suppose there could be other laws than those which would be included within the word "pertaining", but those words are pretty broad.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Willoner.

DELEGATE WILLONER: It would seem to me that establishing, affecting the powers of or dissolving are fundamental organizational language. At least that is the concept we had at that time. "Pertaining to", it would seem to me, would cover any law. It just seems to be that way. Maybe I am wrong.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Delegate Willoner, if I may comment, lost in transition somewhere were the words "on any of these laws," that is, "these laws" in the immediately preceding sentence, "pertaining to popularly elected representative regional governments". If one says "any of these", I believe it takes care of the problem.

As I say, these were lost in transition.

THE PRESIDENT: I am lost myself right now, Delegate Penniman.

Where are the words that you speak of?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: They were in the draft just before this one was printed, and somewhere in our proofing system we lost them.

THE PRESIDENT: To answer Delegate Willoner's question, and I am not sure I understood Delegate Moser, his direct question is that the use of the word "pertaining" in line 39, instead of the words "establishing, affecting the powers of, or dissolving", would appear to be a change in substance because a law pertaining to a representative regional government might be a law other than one establishing, affecting the powers of, or dissolving, and I am not sure what Chairman Moser's answer to that question was.

Delegate Moser.

DELEGATE MOSER: My answer, Mr. President, was that I take responsibility for the use of the word "pertaining". I do think, however, that the use of the word "pertaining" is incorrect, and that Delegate Willoner is right. I would think it would be better to go back to the original language which is in lines 39 through 42 on that page and specify exactly what we are talking about.

The problem arose originally because the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement had made some other changes further up in that paragraph, and we were just trying to get back to the original meaning of it. I think that Delegate Willoner is right.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well, an amendment can be proposed at the proper time.

Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: I was partially but not entirely responsible for changing this section around, and I think the word "pertaining" would certainly include only those things formerly stated. Certainly that is all that is intended. I cannot conceive of anything else you could do to a multi-county regional government other than those things that are stated. I do not think the amendment is necessary.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, this is not the time to discuss that. We will discuss that if and when the amendment is offered.

Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: I have two Style and Drafting reports. One uses the words "pertaining to" and the other refers to "any of these laws" and does not use the word "pertaining". Which is the draft we should have before us?

THE PRESIDENT: I did not understand there was ever two reports. You have two of these tan-colored reports?

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, no!

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: The one I am speaking from is the one that says "pertaining to a popularly elected representative regional government".

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Shall we discard the ones that provide "any of these laws" and do not use the word "pertaining"?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: It should be, because it is not clear by that that it is a popularly elected representative regional government.

THE PRESIDENT: How many delegates have a page 4 that does not use the word "pertaining" in line 39? The Chair was not aware that that page had been reprinted.